# Using Your RPCs to Access Federal and State Resources

#### Association of Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions



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## Planning In Wisconsin

- There are over 2,500 general purpose units of government:
  - 72 counties
  - 189 cities
  - 995 villages
  - 1,268 towns
- There are <u>thousands</u> of special districts:
  - School Districts
  - Vocational Districts
  - Sanitary Districts
  - Utility Districts
  - Lake Management Districts
  - Drainage Districts
  - Stormwater Utility Districts



## Planning In Wisconsin

#### Political boundaries define issues

- Governmental accountability
- Taxing and revenue
- Community identity
- Service delivery

#### Issues don't fit political boundaries

- Natural resources is best example
- Cost-effective service provision
- Spill over effects across multiple jurisdictions

#### Planning Needs

- Need for intergovernmental cooperation
- Provide broader policy guidance for planning and service delivery
- Promotion of efficiencies through regional cooperation



### **RPC History & Formation**

- Nine Existing RPCs in Wisconsin / AWRPC
   Statewide organization
- Created by Executive Order of Governor under what is now Wisconsin State Statutes 66.0309
- Direct tax levy to 'member' counties and communities (.0003 max).





## **Statutory Functions of RPCs**

- Preparation of Regional Comprehensive Plan
- Collection & distribution of Land Information
- Provision of Special Planning Functions
- Provision of Technical Planning assistance
- Contract for planning assistance
- Facilitation of Intergovernmental Cooperation & coordination

## **Regional Planning Commissions**

#### **TYPICAL PROGRAMS GENERAL FUNDING-RELATED SERVICES** Demographic Information Transportation Maps and Graphics Letters of Support (if consistent w/plans) ■ Economic Development Grant Application Review Grant Application Development Community Facilities Liaison to Funding Agencies: ■ Recreation & Tourism Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) ■ Environmental Management Economic Development Administration (EDA) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Revolving Loan Funds U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) Forestry Planning Wis. Dept. of Administration (WDOA) Wis. Dept. of Natural Resources (WDNR) Coastal Management Wis. Dept. of Transportation (WisDOT) Wis. Dept. of Commerce (COMM) Wis. Dept. of Tourism Dept. of Ag. Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) Wis. Coastal Management Program (WCMP) Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM)

#### Helping State and Local Government

"Providing Effective Solutions to the State's Planning Needs"

RPCs form partnerships with local units of government. As local budgets get squeezed by state levy limits and cost increases, RPCs can become an effective way to ensure that long-range planning issues are addressed.

RPCs form partnerships with the State of Wisconsin to prepare and implement long range plans for agencies and departments. Using RPCs provides efficiencies in terms of economies of scale, as well as improved communication across governmental jurisdictions.

RPCs form partnerships with non-profit groups and associations. By working with entities such as WCA, WTA, TDA and others, RPCs can effectively maintain relationships to get ahead of the planning issues which affect our communities.

#### Some of our Partners In Planning

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** National Park Service (NPS) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&W) U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) WI Dept. of Natural Resources (WDNR) WI Dept. of Transportation (WisDOT) WI Dept. of Administration (WDOA) Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) WI Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection (DATCP) WI Dept. of Commerce (Commerce) University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX) University of Wisconsin-Sea Grant Wisconsin Geologic & Natural History Survey (WGNHS) Workforce Development Boards Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association (WAPA) Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) League of Wisconsin Municipalities 1000 Friends of Wisconsin and morel





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■ FUTURE? - Brownfields Assessments / RLF

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## Questions?

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